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| Hunt et al. |) | Group Art Unit: 1725 |
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| Title: METHOD FOR BONDING |) | Examiner: L.R. Edmondson |
| A SPUTTER TARGET TO A |) | |
| BACKING PLATE AND THE |) | |
| ASSEMBLY THEREOF |) | |

REPLY AND AMENDMENT
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R §1.111

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is in response to the Official Action issued August 5, 2005. The Examiner set a three-month period for response. A petition and authorization for a three-month extension of time are attached, making this Reply and Amendment due on or before February 5, 2005.

Amendments to the Claims appear on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks appear on page 6 of this paper.